

The People's Press.

SALEM, N. C.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1888.

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President Cleveland and Lady will start for Florida next Tuesday.

Col. Duncan K. McRae, of this State, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Sunday.

We regret to learn that some thief stole seven pieces of bacon from Benjamin Snider.

Mr. Henderson's bill, modifying the internal Revenue laws passed in the House of Representatives with but one dissenting voice.

A county treasurer of Texas was murdered by thieves on Friday night, and his office robbed of \$6,000; the treasurer's head was cut off.

Mr. Blaine has written a letter from Florence, Italy, in which he declines the use of his name for the Republican Presidential nomination.

During a drunken revel by some Hungarian miners, in Pennsylvania, on Sunday a house was set on fire by an overturned lamp, and five men and one girl were burned to death.

Mt. Airy News: Unless some body has overestimated the matter, the cars reached Flat Shoal, Suwanee, last week, some seven miles from Mt. Airy.

In the Supreme Court the following lawyers from the Piedmont section were granted license to practice law: Lewis J. Williams, of Forsyth, Julius C. Martin, of Wilkes, and Henry R. Starbuck, of Forsyth. We learn that Mr. Starbuck will continue a course of reading with Col. Folk. We congratulate our young friends.

THE MANUFACTURER'S RECORD is a valuable and progressive annual. It has just commenced its 13th volume, and is more than ever energetic in advancing the material interests of the South. It is beautifully printed, and the advertising pages give a fair idea of the country's industrial progress. It should be in the hands of every business man in the South. Call at Bookstore and see a sample.

THE WALKING MATCH.—The six day walking match ended on the night of the 11th, in New York.—Albert is now champion of the world, having beaten all previous records.

It is stated that James W. Reed, late of this Congressional District, is attorney for a large line of Rail roads with a salary of \$15,000 a year.

For the month of January, the tax collected in the Western Internal Revenue District amounted to \$105,112, as follows: At Winston, \$61,747.30; Salisbury, \$21,248.17; Statesville, \$14,659.63; Mt. Airy, \$7,339.13; Asheville, \$2,020.88.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The Brooklyn elevated railroad structure near Sullivan avenue, fell this morning—Several people supposed to be killed.

Since the above, it appears that a huge derrick used in repairing the elevated railroad fell, killing six and injuring a number of people in a street which was passing under the road when the girder broke. The horses of another car were killed.

Foreign News.

Prince William, of Prussia, in a speech at Brandenburg, repudiated the imputation that he desired war for the sake of glory. He said the royal family were all soldiers and feared God, but no earthly power.

The English Parliament assembled on the 9th; the usual search in the vaults revealed the presence of no dynamiter, and everything was quiet.

Mr. Gladstone congratulated the government on some aspects of its statements in the Queen's speech with reference to Irish affairs.

The opening of the Spanish parliament by the infant king and his mother, the queen regent, was a most interesting spectacle. The infant king was dressed in white, with a white bonnet, the latter being removed upon his being seated on the throne, to the right of queen Christina. The queen read the speech from throne in clear, audible tones, without the slightest signs of the nervousness attributed to her.

WILKESBARRE, PA., Feb. 10.—At 10 o'clock this morning a severe shock was felt in the city. Shortly afterward it was learned that a violent explosion had occurred at DuPont's powder works, at Wapwallopen, twenty miles from here, and that four men were instantly killed. The explosion took place in the packing house, where several tons of powder had been stored. The cause of the accident is not known as yet.

Washington land sharks have sent circulars and blank petitions to ex-soldiers all over the country to induce them to ask Congress to divide up the public domain.

The North Carolina Railroad has declared a dividend of six per cent, on stock.

W. Duke, Sons & Co., of Durham, sold last year \$1,000,000 worth of cigarettes.

A canning establishment will be organized at Charlotte in time for vegetables and fruits next season.

The American Newspapers and Publishers' Association is in session at Indianapolis.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate on the 7th Mr. Platt concluded his speech on the resolution to refer the President's message; the other proceedings were unimportant. In the House a number of reports were made from committees, and two bills were passed amending the internal revenue laws.

In the Senate on the 8th Mr. Call spoke in support of the Blair educational bill, and Wednesday was fixed as the time for taking a vote on it; Mr. Riddleberger created a dramatic scene in an effort to prevent an executive session; the House passed a bill making bills of lading conclusive evidence in certain cases, and the special committee to investigate the labor troubles in Pennsylvania was announced. The Democratic members of the House held a caucus and selected representatives on the Democratic Congressional Committee; F. M. Simmons is the North Carolina representative.

The worthlessness of the publications turned out from the Government printing office was presented in the Senate on the 9th by Mr. Vest; and in the same body Mr. Riddleberger got up another little breeze in connection with the extradition treaty with Great Britain; Mr. Belmont chairman of the House committed on Foreign Affairs, says there is a good prospect for an early settlement of the Chinese question, and that in the pending treaty with Great Britain there is no clause for the extradition of a citizen of the United States for any political offence. The Senate in secret session has postponed the consideration of the treaty until next December; in the House there was a good deal of legislation affecting the coal interests, and much time was occupied in considering a bill requiring subsidized railroads to maintain and operate separate telegraph lines. The Ways and Means Committee of the House have decided to report a bill providing for the purchase of U. S. bonds with the treasury surplus.

—*Wilmingon Star Outlines.* Mr. Henderson, of the Salisbury District, has scored an admirable point in securing the passage in the House of his bill to amend the internal revenue laws by abolishing the minimum punishment in revenue cases, by prohibiting the issuing of warrants upon information, and by leaving except upon affidavit made by the collector or deputy collector or revenue agent, and by authorizing the commissioner of internal revenue to compromise any case under the internal revenue laws. We congratulate him, but we more particularly congratulate the people of the North Carolina. It is clear that the Democratic members of our delegation are alive to the interests of the people they represent, and are doing their utmost to secure such legislation as will meet the pressing demands of the times among us. All honor to their faithful, earnest, intelligent efforts.—*News-Observer.*

SENIOR COURT.—We give a summary of the cases disposed of up to Wednesday:

State vs. Amanda Shelton, Emily Shelton and Vick Shelton, disorderly house. Not guilty.

State vs. Bob Kapp, assault with a deadly weapon; judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. W. Z. Sharp, larceny and receiving.

State vs. Albert Dalton, affray. Guilty. Ten days in jail and pay the costs.

State vs. M. F. Robertson and Nick Whitfield, forcible trespass. Not guilty.

State vs. Peter Murry and Monroe Murry, assault with a deadly weapon. Guilty.

State vs. Jack Lee, slander. Guilty.

State vs. Alex Franklin, assault with a deadly weapon; guilty; sentenced to one month in jail and pay the costs.

State vs. John Dabney and Cole Abbott, assault and battery with deadly weapons; John Dabney 30 days in jail and cost; Cole Abbott, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Aaron Stafford, larceny and receiving; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Eugene Bass, assault with deadly weapon; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Wm. H. Hartman, assault and receiving; guilty; sentenced to two months work on public road.

State vs. J. H. Hartman, assault with deadly weapon; guilty.

State vs. Charles Garrett, house breaking, guilty; sentenced to 18 months work on public road.

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State vs. Rebecca Morris and Fanny Hartgrave, affray; guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Rufus Brown, assault with deadly weapon; not guilty.

State vs. Robert Cates and Sarah Lloyd, assault with deadly weapon; guilty.

State vs. Julian Brown, assault with deadly weapon; guilty.

State vs. John Collins and Lou Cist, E and a; guilty.

State vs. R. Hundley, charged with manslaughter, not guilty.

State vs. Robert Cates and Sarah Lloyd, assault with deadly weapon; guilty.

State vs. Wm. Boswell, assault with deadly weapon; guilty.

State vs. Ruth Brown, assault with deadly weapon; guilty.

State vs. Wm. Richardson, assault with deadly weapon; guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Alex. Frinkle, assault with deadly weapon; guilty.

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State vs. Julian Brown, assault with deadly weapon; guilty.

State vs. John Stokes, larceny and receiving; guilty.

State vs. Turner Roberts, house breaking; guilty; sentenced to 12 months work on public road.

State vs. George Mathews and Hannah Stewart, assault with deadly weapon; guilty as to George Mathews; not guilty as to Hannah Stewart.

State vs. Adeline Allen, charged with drowning her child in B. pond; guilty of murder in first degree.

John Hopp, his daughter, aged fifteen years, and son, nine years, lost their lives in a fire Wednesday night, which destroyed their house at Kutztown, Pa.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.

From the Lexington Dispatch.

The county commissioners were in session on Monday and Tuesday. The dull routine of business was enlivened by a breezy discussion of the Waitman Craver road case. The matter was finally disposed of by the county physician reported the health of the inmates of the jail and poorhouse.

W. B. Hammer, F. C. Robins and M. H. Pinnix were appointed commissioners to lay off a public road from the southern end of Main street to the railroad. C. F. Fitzgerald was appointed overseer to cut out the new road from G. W. Smith's to David L. Hunt's, with instructions not to execute the order until directed by the board to do so.

Miss Sally Henley died at the March House last Friday morning. The funeral services were held at the hotel on Saturday evening, conducted by Rev. A. L. Crawford, assisted by Rev. J. E. Gay.

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MISSISSIPPI FEATURES.—Will comprise several illustrated articles on Ireland, by Charles De Kay; papers touching the field of the Sunday-School Lessons, by E. L. Wilson; Wild Western Life, by Mrs. Anna Roosevelt; English Cathartals, by Mrs. Van Rensselaer; with illustrations by Pennell; Dr. Buckley's valuable papers on Dreams, Spiritualism, and Clairvoyance; essays in criticism, art and literature, by various writers.

By a special offer for the past year (containing the Lincoln history) may be secured with a year's subscription from Harper & Brothers, \$1.00 per year, or \$1.25 for three years.

Published by THE CENTURY CO., 33 East 17th Street, New York.

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Number 1, 1873, was the first magazine with undisputed popularity, the position it took at the beginning—that of being the most excellent juvenile periodical ever printed. The best juvenile literature ever written.

Editor, MARY MAPES DODGE, author of "Hans Brinker," or, The Silver Skater, and other popular books for young folks, and the "Young Folks," too, tell the virtues of Swift's Specific, both as a rheumatism cure and a tonic. It has even more than its proponents claim for it.

Treatise on Blood and Skin Disease mailed free.

SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Drawer 3 Atlanta, Ga.

DEEP SEA WONDERS.—Exist in thousands of forms, but all surpasses the marvels of invention. Those who are in need of profitable work that can be done while living at home should at once send their address to Halloran, 100 Broadway, New York. Many and varied full information how either sex of all ages can earn from \$5 to \$20 per day and upwards wherever they live. You are started on capital not required. Some have made over \$500 in a single day at this work. All succeed.

GENERAL NEWS.—Great excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Paris, Tex., by the remarkable recovery of Mr. J. E. Corley, who was so helpless he could not turn in bed, or raise his head; everybody said he was dying of Consumption. A trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery was sent him. Finding relief, he bought a large bottle and a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills; by the time he had taken two boxes of Pills and two bottles of Water he was well and had gained in flesh thirty-six pounds.

Trial Bottles of this Great Discovery for Consumption free at Dr. V. O. Thompson's Drug Store, Winston, N. C.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

AN EPITOME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

RAILROAD MEETING

At Orinoco Warehouse, on Friday Night. Grand Rally. Go and hear.

—See Sheriff Boyer's last call for taxes.

—Roanoke & Southern Railroad election Saturday.

—Mr. Hardy, of the Raleigh Chronicle, gave us a pleasant call.

—Rev. H. S. Huffman, of Philadelphia, is here on a visit. He gave us a friendly call.

—Dr. Benbow, of Greensboro, has purchased the Hamburg Mill property in Mt. Airy.

—Miss Carrie Crist is visiting the family of Jesse Carter, of Madison, Rockingham county.

—The one year old child of W. C. Gruner, who had its collar bone broken, is improving.

—A Martha Washington Festival will be held at the Belo House on the evening of the 22nd.

—Prof. Robert L. Carmichael is here, and has assumed the directorship of the Salem Orchestra.

—Capt. J. E. Gilmer has purchased the Morris property on Cherry Street, for his family residence.

—The East Bend High School has secured the services of Miss Annie Jones, of this place, as music teacher.

—The Winston Fire Company has been presented with a pair of hand-some horses by the town authorities.

—Geo. E. Nissen & Co., are paying cash for good spoked and hubbed imber. Jan. 26-41

—We are informed by Col. Polk that 140 Farmers' Alliances have been organized in the State since January 1st.

—We are pleased to state that the notice of the death of Joseph Fulp, last week, was an error. Mr. Fulp was very sick but his health is much improved.

—We would urge our people to vote for subscription at the coming Railroad election. The towns and country need this road, and all should lend a helping hand. Let us have a full vote, and no mistake.

—Lent.—Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, the commencement of the forty days of Lent. Easter comes on the forty-first day after Ash Wednesday, the intervening Sundays not being counted in the forty fast day. Easter Sunday comes on April 1st.

—St. Valentine's day was observed by the young folks and children. Although the number of misses was perhaps not as great as usual, yet the Postmaster handled quite a large number of dainty souvenirs and hand-biting candies.

—Messrs. Hinshaw & Medearis have a new advertisement in this issue. These gentlemen believe in printer's ink and are of the most successful merchants in Winston. Give them a call, you will not regret it.

—Prof. S. T. Ford, will lecture at the ACADEMY CHAPEL, SALEM, On Monday Evening, February 20th, and at

—The Philharmonic Society's Concert this (Thursday) evening will open with a series of miscellaneous selections by the Orchestra and several soloists. The second part will consist of the tone-picture, Schiller's "Lay of the Bell," the music by Romberg. Vivid descriptions of the founding of the bell, the uses for which its tongue will clamber with joyousness, sadness or wild alarm, and the final perfection of the casting make a combination of noble thought and music. The Society and Salem Orchestra have labored diligently to present the work successfully and we have doubtless a very large audience will put the seal of its commendation on the work.

—The Railroad meeting on last Friday night was a success. A number of speeches made, and the indications are that a full vote will be polled favorable to subscription.

—There are a few wild pigeons seen flying through the woods now.

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FERTILIZERS FOR THE GARDEN.—

In Harris' New Seed Catalogue for 1888, there is a valuable article on this subject from the pen of Joseph Harris. The Catalogue is free to all who send their address on a postal card to Joseph Harris Seed Company, Moreton Farm, Rochester, N. Y.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LETTERS FROM OUR FRIENDS.

KERNERSVILLE LETTER.

Messrs. Editors.—My neighbor, Mr. Francis Stafford, showed me a statement of his last year's work in the way of tobacco raising. He planted three acres on which were grown 2,800 pounds, of which 2,400 pounds were sold to Messrs. Beard & Roberts, at \$20 per hundred, which amounts to \$480. Here then we have \$160 an acre, and 1334 pounds yet unsold; that which is left is fair tobacco but will not bring what the other brought. In addition he made some 300 bushels of corn, a crop of wheat, plenty of potatoes, Irish and sweet, oats, hay and fodder in abundance, to do him all this year, and yet there are people at a distance who think North Carolina farming is a starving business.

The vestibule of the Moravian church is getting on slowly, owing to the bad weather. The workmen say they can see Salem and Winston plain, and the other day they saw the train land at your depot.

There has been some sickness in town in the last weeks. Mr. John Hepler has been quite low, but seems to be rallying and there are hopes he will get well again. Mrs. Hepler's brother, Mr. A. Price, is here on a visit from Indiana. He claims to come from about Hope. It seems he has made the trip backwards and forwards several times, a rolling stone.

But the most complaint just now is the mud, and the wretched condition of the roads. It is killing on stock, still tobacco sales have been lively for the last week, and another warehouse will open in a few days, and it is said prices rule better here than at Winston.

Mrs. Right's school is getting on finely, and since the departure of Professor Lindsay and his lady and the closing up of the K. H. S. some four other schools have sprung up, all taught by ladies. Professor Lindsay regretted leaving here, but from all accounts he will be the gainer, at least in a pecuniary point of view.

As soon as the condition of the roads will admit, our neighbor, Dr. Dicks, contemplates moving back to his farm near Walkertown and resume his practice of medicine among his old neighbors; and they are all glad that he is coming, and he will have as much as he can do, and they are generally well to do farmers and able to pay him for his services.

But I must conclude; and if my letter is short it must be attributed to the fact that there is nothing more to write about. C. L. R. Kernersville, N. C., Feb. 13th, 1888.

FIVE FARMS, STOKES CO., Feb. 13, 1888.—The following list shows some of the largest hogs that were killed, the most of them near this place:

J. B. Vest killed two that weighed 1,064; J. W. Wall, two, 1,065; J. M. Gordon, one, 354; W. S. Schaub, 2,350 each; L. M. Vest, one, 580.

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DALTON, STOKES CO., N. C., February 13, 1888.

Messrs. Editors.—Messrs. Reed & Johnson have a steam saw mill, with a good deal of other machinery attached, near the depot, and they are doing good business.

They are sawing and preparing timber for various purposes. The most of the timber being worked is hickory, and the most of this hickory is sawed into buggy spokes and rim strips. They have 2 new lathes and are now turning off the spokes. This hickory timber is all sent to a manufacturing company in Boston. There are seventy-five thousand spokes on the yard now. They have paid as much as \$120 for hickory logs brought in one day.

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AGRICULTURAL.

TOPICS OF INTEREST RELATIVE TO FARM AND GARDEN.

Insect Remedies.

In his report on entomology to the Columbus (Ohio) Horticultural Society W. H. Alwood states that many remedies were employed on two species of cabbage worms, consisting of alum water of different degrees of strength, tansy water, tomato water, benzine, coal oil emulsion, different strengths of mend's slug shot, Cayenne pepper, half a dozen remedies from England, several preparations of tobacco soap and pyrethrum.

None proved of any value except the tobacco soaps and pyrethrum. The tobacco soaps prepared with potash were quite effective, the value of which was ascribed to the potash.

Pyrethrum is recommended as the best remedy, being perfectly safe, easy of application and more deadly on the worms than any remedy used. Powder of good quality, mixed with three times its bulk of flour, was found perfectly effective, applying it with a dusting bellows. One pound, costing fifty cents, was enough to cover an acre if properly handled.—*New York World.*

Improvements in Agriculture.

The most useful improvement of the past year is certainly the adaptation of the silo for the curing of sweet ensilage.

When it is known that the silos

will hold more than twice as much

silage as the old ones, the

value of the silo is increased.

It is a great improvement.

Formerly ensilage was sour

and had an acid, alcoholic flavor, and flavor,

and its opposition to the making

of silage was that it was

sour mash.

No doubt the sour food was objectionable, and had a bad effect upon the milk and butter made from cows fed upon it.

The condensers of milk found its effect very pernicious, and refused to accept milk from dairies where it was used.

It was used, however, that, when the cut fodder was left lying in the silo to ferment and acquire a heat of 140° to 160°, and was then protected from the air by tight covering and a light pressure, it remained sweet and no vinous or acetic fermentation occurred in it.

This fact was quickly turned to account and its importance realized, and as a result the new process spread.

The new process became popular, and it is probable that at least 10,000 silos were constructed on the improved principle within a year.

Ensilage is unquestionably a most convenient and economical practice, taking the place of dry hay and corn fodder, and adds largely to the feeding value of our most productive crop.

Hence this improvement, which will have an important bearing upon the prosperity and profit of agriculture, is worthy of note as being an incident of the year's progress of considerable importance.

Very satisfactory progress has been made in our knowledge and practice in feeding and in growing crops. The work done in the various experiment stations has been productive of much valuable experience and information, which has greatly aided the growth of the past year through the unequalled dry season has afforded new and most emphatic proof of the usefulness of drainage.

The work of experiment stations has shown the great value of these institutions, while the advantages of their influence have been most conspicuously exhibited.

The new principle of drainage generally kept in the tank is about two inches, in winter and summer, and the depth in spring and autumn.

POPULAR SCIENCE

PEN PICTURE OF THE NOTED BROOKLYN PREACHER

TALMAGE.

How He "Thinks Out" His Sermons
—The World For Congregation—Sunday Morning in His Church.

Foster Coates, in "A Day with Talmage," an article contributed to the Boston *Advertiser*, says:

"I have seen him at meal Dr. Talmage spends hours in pleasant conversation with the ladies of his family, and then goes to his study, and with his secretary begins the work of getting up his sermons, lectures and Friday night talks.

Few men who have stood in the fierce light of public life for 29 years have so much to say as Dr. Talmage.

He is not to hit on some topic that is prominently before the public, and out of this draws a lesson that his hearers will not forget. Do not imagine that sermon writing is easy. On the contrary, it is very difficult.

Theological explanation of Ireland's distress is that it is due to too exclusive subsistence upon potatoes. Though a healthful luxury, this food used alone supplies too little nutrition to support people other than a half-starved and dissatisfied condition; it is probably, therefore, that Ireland's soil and climate were applied to the growth of nutritive cereals instead of the tubers.

Whether one position in sleep is better than another may be an important question, but it does not seem to have been authoritatively settled that any particular position is the best to adopt.

Sleeping on the right side is more common than on the left, and sleeping on the back is comparatively rare. Evidence has been found to show that sleeping on the left side favors bronchitis, and sleeping on the right side appears to increase a tendency to constipation. It has been strongly urged that health and happiness are secured by sleeping on the back, reduced if the productive soil and climate were applied to the growth of nutritive cereals instead of the tubers.

Blessed be the hand that prepares a pleasure for a child, for there is no saying when and where it may again bloom forth.

Wealth is to be used only as the instrument of action, not as the representative of civil honors and moral excellence.

Nothing can do us more death than the thought of our own death as the propect of one friend after another dropping around us.

Consult with him that is wise and of sound judgment, and seek to be instructed by one better than either, rather than to follow thine own inventions.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

PLEASANT LITERATURE FOR FEMININE READERS.

The smallest hair casts a shadow. A good conscience is the finest opiate.

It is better to do well than to say well.

A happy marriage is a new beginning of life, a new starting point for happiness and usefulness.

There never was any heart truly great and generous that was not also tender and compassionate.

Only so far as a man is happily married to his wife is he fit for married life and family life generally.

Errors such as are but occurs in our younger brows grow oaks in our older heads and become inflexible.

The misery of human life might be extinguished by mutual offices of compassion, benevolence and humanity.

The history of persecution is a history that endeavors to cheat nature, to make water run uphill, to twist a rope of sand.

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On Top of the Great Pyramid.

The views from the great pyramid, though at all times sublime, vary with the time of day and night, and with the courses of the sun and moon. The first look is for Cairo. It is plainly visible, though small, in the distance. The pyramids are visible, and the great dome of the cathedral and tower, and beyond it the dark Mokhamat houses are seen. A forest of immense palms, far away upon the border of the Nile, marks the site of ancient Memphis; still farther South are the pyramids of Sakkarah, the great "step" pyramid, "the father of pyramids," among them. The desert is in front of the city, and around is a vast plain, now golden, now red, now in part black, now gray, changing as the sun changes, as the great shadows of the pyramids are projected upon it, or the moon comes with its pale light and tides down the grand chromatic display.

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